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Thomas Francis Contracting had their entire fleet of 18 trucks on display at the MInden Kin Club Truck Pull and Show and Shine Saturday, June 22. They took second place for Best Fleet. From left, Wes Buchanan, Brad Thorn, Britt Thomas, Brandon Thomas, Kent Ross, Mark Walker, Ashley Hunter and Annalise McPhail. /KAREN LONDON Staff

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Corynn Kokolakis, *Building Blocks*, oil and acrylic on panel, 2014-2023, 48" x 72". /Submitted

Opening Reception for *M(y)otherwork*

We are thrilled to announce the opening reception of *M(y)otherwork*, a compelling exhibition by the talented figurative painter Corynn Kokolakis. Join us on Saturday, July 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. to meet the artist and gain insight into her creative process. Corynn will also give an artist talk at 2:30 p.m., offering a deeper understanding of her works and the themes that inspire them.

M(y)otherwork is a series of paintings that seek to show the maintenance and emotional labor involved in mothering. Kokolakis' skilled compositions and vigorous brushwork deftly place the viewer in the Mama Bear's chair, and it's looking down from that vantage point that the nuances of caregiving and identity, are revealed, as if through a mother's gaze.

Corynn's connection to the Haliburton Highlands runs deep, having formed lasting memories through cottaging, paddling, and camping in the area over the years. We are delighted to welcome her back to the community where her journey as an artist began, first as an exhibitor at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival.

Having recently completed her Master's Degree in Fine Arts at the Ontario College of Art University last year, Corynn is just back from a three-week residency in the United States, further honing her craft and vision. Be among the first to glimpse her newest work!

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to engage with Corynn Kokolakis and explore her thought-provoking exhibition. *M(y)otherwork* is a must-see for art enthusiasts and anyone interested in the profound and often unspoken aspects of being a "good mom".

Opening Reception on July 6:

Time: 2 to 4 p.m. (Artist talk at 2:30 p.m.)
Length of Exhibition: July 6 - Sept. 7
Gallery hours; Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Venue: Rails End Gallery and Arts Centrre, 23 York St., Haliburton
Admission: Free and open to all.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special event. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the artistry and insights of Corynn Kokolakis.

Submitted by Rails End Gallery

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On the Gull

'Swimmer Girl' on the Gull River in Minden receives a bionic upgrade and new paint job. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Early bird gets the worm

Rotarians David Zilstra and Maureen O'Hara are pictured drawing the winning ticket for the first early bird draw in the Rotary Club of Haliburton's annual car draw. The lucky winner of $1,000.00 was Laura Webster - Congratulations Laura. This year's vehicle is a 2024 Chevrolet Colorado, the final draw will be Tuesday, August 6. /Photo by Heather Phillips

Nature's Sketchbook by David Alexander Risk

Sketches in Nature's Sketchbook are created by David Alexander Risk, a renowned local artist dedicated to sharing his love for nature and inspiring young residents and visitors to learn more about the natural world of the Haliburton Highlands.

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Gathering Sparks set to rock Dominion

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

The renowned folk/roots duo Gathering Sparks will be performing at the Dominion Hotel on Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m. The duo is composed of Eve Goldberg and Jane Lewis. The duo's music is primarily written by themselves and will include instruments like guitar, ukulele, and keyboard. Audience participation is heavily encouraged.

"Both of us have spent so much time in Haliburton. We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends. We are looking forward to playing the renowned Dominion Hotel," said Goldberg.

"Singing is good for people, good for humans," said Lewis. Simply put, the duo has fun making music with their audience.

The duo's performances often informed vocal improvisation, body percussion, and the beauty of creating music and the encouragement of singing with, rather than for, the audience.

"I've been teaching in the area for a really long time," said Goldberg. Goldberg and Lewis will both be instructing courses at Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art and Design. Goldberg will be teaching Ukulele Orchestra- Intermediate/Advanced and Lewis will be teaching Music in the Air! Improv Singing and Singing Harmony by Ear. These courses will begin in July.

The duo was formed after Goldberg cold called Lewis and her previous musical partner to discuss their similar interests and musicianship. Despite Lewis saying that there were no intentions to form a band, a long-lasting spark was ignited resulting in the duo to travel all across North America.

The Dominion hotel was considered the perfect spot for the duo to perform their debut concert in Haliburton County.

Eve Goldberg and Jane Lewis are the musical duo that make up Gathering Sparks, and they'll be performing at the Dominion Hotel on Saturday, July 6. /Photo submitted

"It's a little bit famous in Haliburton. We thought, this time, since we were both up here, to do a show," said Lewis. The Dominion Hotel was the first thing the duo thought of.

The pair describes their music as uplifting songs with great harmonies with guitar, ukuleles, and overall just a positive vibe. The duo's sound is often compared to Carole King and Bonnie Raitt.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased online through the Dominion Hotel's website https://dominionhotelpub.tickit.ca. Tickets are $25. The Dominion Hotel will also be selling drinks and food to guests attending.

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Painters

DEBORAH J REED
Special to *County Life*

I know a few painters. Watercolours. Oils. Acrylics. I dabble in art myself. It's a popular pastime in Haliburton County, and some of us do it for more reasons than just to pass the time!

When I updated my LinkedIn profile with 'painter,'my email inbox instantly perked up with sudden job ads. In fact, 'painter' was given a rather high percentage in the LinkedIn ratings shortlist of available employment.

I was wowed, flattered, and even occasionally tempted to apply. Was there actually a desperate shortage of artists who use palettes and paintbrushes? Was the world newly worshiping the canvas? Would I be able to make millions through inspired strokes and colours? Will I feature in future glossy coffee table books? Might my imagination even generate a brand new cutting-edge arts movement?

Unrealism? Dab-stract? Spring-Chicken Renaissance? Depressionism? Angst Nouveau? Mauvism?

Maybe not the latter. I hate purple.

Alas, I was scammed by my own powers of suggestion. LinkedIn wasn't looking for fine artists. Granted, sometimes they sort of were. Content creators. Graphics for companies. Animators. Even a few digital illustrators for manuals and textbooks. But the painters they were requesting were for houses. Surfaces. Walls, ceilings, floors, fences. Concrete, metal, spray varnish, automotive factory handwork, assembly lines. Colouring stuff. Prepping stuff. Decorating stuff. Finishing stuff.

Once I got over myself, I brushed off the literal confusion and returned to the comfort of my untrustworthy right brain. The world still needs that voice. Those voices. The ones that translate human senses into art. Brush-and-palette types. They're a classic awesome lot. They've been actively expressing for the last 40,000 years. Researchers have even concluded that a 73,000-year-old design was intentionally imprinted in ochre on a rough flake of rock in a South African cave.

People have always chosen to express. Art is us. Celebrating. Challenging. It charms, informs, amuses. Painting is one way feelings can be transferred through individuals to posterity. Painters help to represent both the anonymous and the notable. They communicate. They evoke. And they can be powerful. They're mostly conscious, but also poignantly unconscious. They're creators.

People react to paintings. Walls feel empty without them. Some match furnishings. Others are randomly purchased because they're so unique. Kids learn early about brushes and colour. Art is often their favourite class.

Viewer discretion advised! Artists can seem odd to those who operate with a differing practicality. Brush-and-palette types can instantly become mesmerized by form and colour, shape and shadow. A landscape or human face might hold character or composition. Negative space is intuitively examined, its beauty noted, its potential heeded for reimagining. It can get mighty puzzling to chat with a distracted painter, and certainly when there's a tide, or a building storm, or long blue shadows on gleaming snow. You might have to repeat yourself to pierce the reverie of a painter.

The very bottom line whispers somewhere inside all the painter brains in human history: express yourself. Perceptively, honestly, freely, always. And go buy - or make - some art.

Top 10 reasons to own a trampoline

THERE WAS a time when trampolines were kind of trendy. Sadly, those days are gone. But there are still good reasons to have one around. Here are my top 10:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Makes cleaning out eavestroughs more fun.
2. Finally get to see what's on the other side of the fence.
3. That and a fishing net allows you to intercept nosy neighbours drone.
4. Apple picking suddenly got a whole lot easier.
5. Makes you a moving target for mosquitoes.
6. Drop the kids on one from the second floor, you can come back and get them at the end of the day
7. Deterrent for when airplane parts fall from sky.
8. No line drive will ever get passed you again.
9. Most fun way ever to toss salads.
10. One-hundred-foot drop onto one equals sure cure for constipation.

Murmur

Murmur of stream, trickling through the trees,
breeze, weaving through their branches, that arch over the trail,
the tips of leaves brushing against one another, as they flutter up there,
my Breath, drinking Air, scrubbed by Rain, inhaling the lushness that surrounds me,
moss crawling over the backs of boulders, berries bulging from bushes,
the sound of water burbling over rocks, dripping into my ears, the warbling of birds,
drenching Air with their song,
their wings hidden in the branches of trees, frothing with leaves, so green, I soak my weary eyes in them,
peering up into the maples and birches, searching for nests and the flutter of feathers,
untethering myself for a little while from the thoughts and worries that clutter my mind, sometimes,
glimpsing a flash of red feather flitting within the forest of leaves,
my Heart hiccupping in my chest as I watch the blackbird streak across the trail, into the refuge of another tree,
the slash of red, painting its wing, clashing with the chorus of chickadees that bursts out of the branches,
their chirps, airy as the murmur of the stream, seeping through the trees,
luring me to veer off the trail and clomp down closer towards the sound of water sliding over rocks,
letting the pebbles of my thoughts be swallowed by the stream, as I watch the water froth over rocks,
slip through the narrow spaces in between, always finding a way to flow, as I listen to the stream, breathe,
breeze grazing my cheeks, as I lean against a boulder, cloaked in moss,
feeling the clamminess against my spine,
its stillness seeping into me, as I nestle amongst the rocks, feeling the stream of my Breath flow through me,
listening to the water, watching it navigate its course around the jaggedness of rock,
its softness slipping over the hardness of stone, as I sit here, alone,
on the edge of the stream, amongst the boulders and trees,
not a thought or worry rumbling in my head, listening to the tumble of water instead, as
a fleck of pale yellow and black butterfly flits past, its wings fluttering through Air, like whispers of summer,
and I wonder whether it, too, was lured by the murmur of the stream, watching it zig-zag between the trees,
as I rest here on the rocks, my Breath inhaling rivulets of breeze.

Sylvie Kalenda

No one walks alone

Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly Abbey Retreat Centre) launched it's fifth Annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge summer fundraiser with an afternoon of music, story-telling, delicious food and strong support.

"We were very moved by the community's support," noted Barb Smith-Morrison, Executive Director of Brooksong. "People are often surprised to learn that there is a one-of-a-kind cancer support centre located in West Guilford that not only provides support for local and seasonal residents, but also for people across Ontario and Canada."

There were high spirits as ten local musicians and bands filled the afternoon with music. Past retreat participants, facilitators and founders of the Brooksong organization shared powerful personal stories about the impact of Brooksong's cancer support programs in their lives. Marianne Patterson, a participant at the first retreat hosted at Brooksong in 2018 shared "I learned two things at that retreat. I learned how to put cancer in its place and not let it define everything about my life. I also learned that no one needs to walk alone through a cancer diagnosis."

The Haliburton Highlands Challenge is a fundraiser open to anyone who is interested in helping to make a life-enhancing retreat possible for the 200 people currently on Brooksong's waitlist. People are invited to choose a way to get active – hiking, biking, strolling, paddling, swimming, yoga – and then invite their family, friends and colleagues to donate in support of Brooksong. This year's goal is to raise $100,000 to move over 40 people off of the waitlist into a retreat.

The Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre community picnic to launch the fifth annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge featured an afternoon of music and storytelling on Sunday, June 23. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

Local and seasonal residents are prioritized in Brooksong's programming and all programs are offered at no cost to ensure that anyone can access retreats and online programs. Many participants make a donation, paying-it-forward, as they're able, to providing programming for others facing cancer.

To donate or to join the Haliburton Highlands Challenge: haliburtonhighlandschallenge.ca; email barb@brooksong.ca or call 705-754-2966.

Submitted by Barb Smith-Morrison,
Executive Director

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- 10 AM - 2 PM: Dysart Branch–Haliburton County Public Library, 78 Maple Avenue, Haliburton (hosted by Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library)
- 10 AM - 5 PM: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Rd, Haliburton

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An American Red Squirrel kit in the grass. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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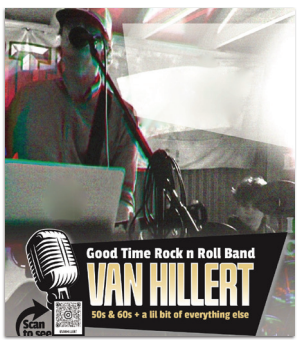

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Drivers patiently waited their turn to hook up to the sled and pull. / KAREN LONDON Staff

A Randy's Landscaping truck pulls near the end of the day. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Vanessa Douglas, Domenique Douglas, and Jesse Gardiner watch from the sidelines.

Griffen Baldry pulls in the 4x4 Chipped Diesel Pickups./KAREN LONDON Staff

Ready, set, race. New this year was the kids battery powered drag races. /Submitted by Cheryl Smith Hamilton

Hayes Coy shows off his wining plaque.

Marshall Smith also placed in the kids drag race.

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
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Branch 636 Minden

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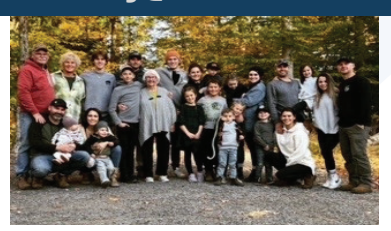

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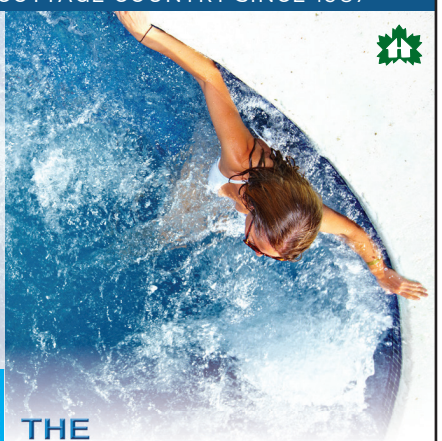

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Children never seem to tire of having a clown face painted on, and a steady stream of them turned up at Minden's Canada Day celebration on Monday to share in the fun. The day's activities were well attended under clear skies and very warm temperatures.

Public pressure works, orthopedic dept. stays

By HAMISH GORDON
Staff Reporter

Chief orthopedic surgeon Dr. Trevor Yardley at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay says he's thankful for the unprecedented support given to doctors and patients at the hospital from the Haliburton County community who are showing their concern to help save the vital orthopedic service that is still being threatened by budget constraints.

Yardley said that at the annual meeting of the Ross Memorial Corporation last week, the hospital's board of directors decided to "hold back on their decision" to close the orthopedic department because of the public pressure to keep it open.

However "If we could give them more pressure we could ensure the service completely. Right now (the decision to stay open) is sort of tenuous. But I think we have accomplished quite a bit and turned their decision around because they do not like the press they are getting," Yardley said in a telephone interview.

"It is just a ridiculous situation to think that they (the hospital's board) don't need it because the orthopedic service was so busy this weekend."

Yardley said that as Ross Memorial's only orthopedic surgeon he is effectively on call seven days a week for emergencies, although elective surgery is presently confined to three days a week and it may be reduced to one day a week, which he says would be totally impractical.

Yardley said that over the July 1 weekend, "I was zapping in from my cottage (in Haliburton County) on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday I was operating all day until 2 a.m. on people involved in a head-on collision where two other people were killed."

On Sunday Yardley set the broken leg of a man from Carnarvon and on Monday he operated into the night on two other victims from another head-on collision in the Bobcaygeon area which killed two people.

Yardley said that of the $500,000 more that the hospital needs for its operating budget, $183,000 has been forthcoming from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

Unofficially, Yardley said the money is supposed to be earmarked for the orthopedic department's estimated $250,000 annual operating costs.

But, Yardley said, Eric Freeborn, Ross Memorial's administrator, can allocate those funds to whatever department he chooses.

Freeborn said allocation of the $183,000 has yet to be decided upon. "I suggest you get the facts from ourselves (administrators and board members). He (Yardley) is only conversant with his own concerns," Freeborn said.

There is hope that the orthopedic department will be retained "as long as we keep negotiating with the Ministry of Health," Freeborn said during a telephone interview.

"Naturally I can't say until the ministry decides when and if they are going to give us additional funding. But until we get an answer of 'no' from them and an approval to implement such a measure as reducing or eliminating orthopedic surgery, we will be continuing the service," Freeborn said.

"The facts" that Freeborn is concerned with were presented by the chairman of the board of governors, Judy O'Neil, to the corporation's annual meeting June 25. It reads as follows:

"1. At its main meeting the board of governors approved the hospital operating budget at $18 million based on an assumption that the increase in the Ministry of Health's funding allocation would be only 2.7

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Teachers to get 3.9% raise

The Haliburton County Board of Education has ratified a salary settlement with its elementary and secondary school teachers which will give them a 3.9 percent salary increase in the 1985-86 school year.

The agreements were worked out in negotiation sessions which began earlier this year, following protracted talks on a 1984-85 contract.

Under the new agreement, secondary school teachers' salaries will range from a low of $21,823 for a first year teacher with minimum qualifications to a high of $46,670 for a teacher with maximum academic qualifications and 11 years of teaching experience.

Salaries for public school teachers are almost identical, at $21,812 for a new teacher with minimum qualifications to $46,668 at the high end of the scale.

The contract with the secondary school teachers contains a number of minor changes from previous settlements. In addition to paying tuition for approved upgrading courses taken by teachers, the board will now contribute an additional $100 for transportation and other expenses. The provision does not apply to teachers granted sabbatical leave.

Minor and major headship compensation has now been placed on a three year grid, and a clause has been added stating that "no teacher may hold more than one position of responsibility at any one time."

The new contract also calls for the board to pay 100 percent of OHIP premiums, up from 85 percent in the previous contract.

Teachers will be allowed three days compassionate leave at the discretion of the director of education from now on.

The new contract will also make it possible for teachers to obtain leaves of up to two years to take prescribed courses. The board will pay tuition fees, but not salary for such leaves, and the teacher will be guaranteed a teaching position at the end of his or her studies.

Teachers who withdraw from a leave plan won in previous contracts will now be assessed a $100 administration charge.

The contract with the elementary

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LEAD board give the nod to infrastructure project

The board of directors of the Local Employment Assistance Development project in Haliburton County will recommend two infrastructure projects for federal funding approval.

The projects were selected from 11 proposals submitted so far.

Anson, Hindon and Minden council has agreed to sponsor a project consisting of a day care centre and commercial outlet in a structure to be built on the former Welch property on Minden's main street.

In Haliburton, Dysart et al council will sponsor a 12,000 square foot complex in the community's industrial park to house four businesses and create approximately 19 jobs.

The Minden facility would include a branch of the County of Haliburton Agency for Child Enrichment (CHACE), sponsored by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, a day care centre, and at least one retail outlet new to the community.

The project is expected to create at least 10 jobs.

Total cost of the project is expected to be about $200,000.

Dysart's project is expected to cost about $250,000. Having received approval in principal from the LEAD board, Dysart will now seek letters of intent from the four businesses which would be accommodated in the complex. Once they have been obtained, a formal submission will be drafted by the LEAD board for submission to the federal authorities, who will decide whether or not they meet funding criteria.

Before the projects are presented to federal officials, blueprints, budgets and other details of the project will be spelled out.

LEAD co ordinator Andy Campbell says the cost of preparing the necessary plans and documents represents an element of risk, since one or both projects might not be approved by federal officials.

Of the remaining nine infrastructure projects submitted to the board in the last two months, four have been rejected, three have been put aside for possible consideration in the future, and two have been handed back to undergo refinement.

Further proposals are still being sought by the board, Campbell said.

The board has also decided to hire a consultant who, along with Campbell, will research the feasibility of forming a lending corporation under the LEAD banner. Terms of reference for the consultant will be drafted at the LEAD board's next meeting.

Eakins tackles tourism:

New minister vows review of tax affecting industry

By HAMISH GORDON
Staff Reporter

Ontario's new Minister of Tourism and Recreation, John Eakins, says he wants to meet with people in the tourist industry to find out where taxation "hurts most."

Only the people in the hospitality industry can tell Eakins' ministry "what proper load of tax the industry should share and what those things are which place the tourism industry in unfair competition with other jurisdictions," he said in an interview on Monday at West Guilford's Canada Day celebration.

Although no government could ever match the old fashioned prices at West Guilford's Canada Day refreshment booth which Eakins took advantage of, he said he will try to do something as minister to alleviate the high tax on cheap restaurant meals because the "little guy is being hurt" while "executive types can write off their high priced" restaurant meals as a business expense, he said.

"I'm very serious about reviewing the tax structure as it affects the hospitality industry. It's been one of the major problems over the years," he said.

As an example of the tax structure that needs review Eakins mentioned that he will be looking at "the accommodation tax and all other areas that hurt the industry most." He agreed that the high taxes are one of the reasons American tourists have been driven away.

But he said one of the problems of [illegible] tourism deficit is increasing, is because of the strength of the Canadian dollar on the European market, which means that Europeans are not coming to Canada as they should be. But we should still be focussing on the American market because even with the differential on the dollar which is in our favour, the Americans still have not been coming in the numbers that we would like, so we have to look to other areas" to make Ontario more attractive, he said.

"Our attitude" toward the potential customer also needs reviewing, Eakins said. The 'We Treat You Royally' campaign was dropped several years ago.

"In many ways I think people in the hospitality industry have forgotten" that campaign which illustrated [illegible] to genuinely welcome people and "we've been taking the

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Tourism and Recreation Minister John Eakins chats with Bernie Nicholls at West Guilford's Canada Day celebration on Monday. Eakins hopes to help the tourism industry prosper from his new portfolio.

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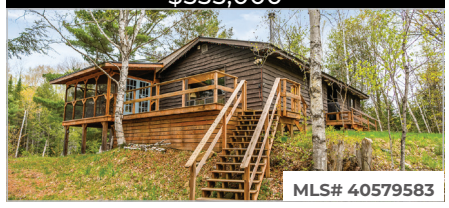

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